

Summer 2011

Dear 5<sup>th</sup> Grader,

Are you enjoying your summer vacation? You've only had a few free days so far, but I hope that you are already happily sleeping in, making plans with friends, reading great books, and doing all those things that make summer such a great time!

This is my "Welcome to 5<sup>th</sup> grade" letter which includes telling you a little bit about me, what to expect next year, and what to buy when you get your back to school supplies.

Most of you have seen me on campus for quite awhile. Next year will be my 10<sup>th</sup> year at Mack. When the Lord called me to be a teacher 37 years ago, it was quite a surprise, but He knew what he was doing because I love kids!

The theme verse for our classroom will be **Luke 2:52** which says "And Jesus grew in stature (physically), in wisdom (intellectually), and in favor with God (spiritually) and men (socially)." My goal for our year together is that we can mature in these ways also. When you are reading this summer, please spend time in God's word. Did you know that the Bible is always the number 1 best seller every year?

Enclosed is my back to school supply list. Please bring everything with you on the first day of school or on the visiting day before school starts. I've also taped a ring to this sheet for a creative writing project that I'd like you to do this summer. When you go on vacation or visit places in our state, I would like you to collect postcards, date each one, and write down what you observed or thought about this place. Then punch a hole in each card and put them all on the ring. This was a tradition in my family when I was growing up and I continued it with my daughters; it was a quick way to create a family picture journal. We will share these during the first week of school.

In closing I want you to know that I am so excited to have you in my class next year! I will be praying that you have a safe and fun summer!



Sincerely,

Ms. Gibbs

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## Grade 5 Supplies (Gibbs)

*Please label each item with student name and bring the first day of school. I will provide storage during the year.*

<b>Activity Fee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$20 Activity Fee (payable to BCS)</li> </ul>
<b>Bible</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NIV Bible with Old and New Testament. Bring the one you were given in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.</li> </ul>
<b>Notebooks</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 soft, zippered binder with 3" (or larger) rings.</li> <li>• 1 three-subject metal spiral notebook, college-rule, 3-hole punched.</li> </ul>
<b>Pens &amp; Pencils</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 hard-cover pencil box (11 inch by 7 inch)</li> <li>• 12 sharpened #2 pencils</li> <li>• 2 Pilot Precise V7 Rolling Ball Pens in black, fine point</li> <li>• 1 box of sharpened colored pencils (approx. 12 colors)</li> <li>• 1 box of fine-tipped colored markers</li> <li>• 1 highlighter</li> <li>• 1 package Expo Dry Erase Fine Point Markers (avoid yellow because it doesn't show up well)</li> <li>• Small manual pencil sharpener</li> </ul>
<b>Other Supplies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 GB flash drive</li> <li>• Ear buds</li> <li>• 1 package of 4" X 6" lined note cards</li> <li>• 1 box of tissues (for our class supply)</li> </ul>

**Students do NOT need backpacks, tape, crayons, white-out or folders.**